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Filed : October 9, 2001  
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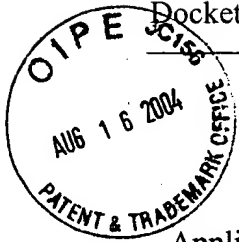
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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with seven (7) references.
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (IF APPROPRIATE)
	1	4,707,174	11/17/87	Johnson, Jr. et al.			
	2	4,822,136	04/18/89	Hicks, Jr.			
	3	4,840,653	06/20/89	Rabinovich			
	4	5,074,633	12/24/91	Cohen et al.			
	5	5,123,940	06/23/92	DiGiovanni et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	6	JP-141818	08/16/82	Japan (Abstract)				

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

EXAMINER INITIAL		
	7	Shibata, Shuichi, et al., <i>Fabrication of Fluorine-Doped Silica Glasses by the Sol-Gel Method</i> , <u>Journal of Non-Crystalline Solids</u> , Vol. 100 (1988), pp. 269-273.

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